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Re: Finnish Pat. Appln. No. 893525
Your File: 30591
Our File: PM-1322 (Finland)

Dear John:

Your November 11, 1992 letter enclosing the most recent official action brought a feeling of déjà vu. The reference and rejections appear very similar to those in the corresponding European application, about which I wrote to you on November 16, 1992.

I believe the approach for Finland ought to be the same as that in the EPO. First, while the Examiner has been able to equate elements of our claims with elements of the references on an individual feature basis, the references, as you point out, actually show structures very different from the invention. Certainly the inventive concepts of the present invention -- such as the need to maximize air at the fuel element while minimizing it at the flavor bed -- are not recognized in any of the references.

For further details, I refer you to my aforementioned November 16, 1992 letter. In particular, with respect to the arguments made by the Examiner relative to heat transfer mechanisms, I refer you to the last paragraph on page 2 of my November 16 letter, where I

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suggest an amendment recently made in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in PM-1322 CIP II.

Very truly yours,

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